

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

2. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said support structure is a toilet bowl, and said support bracket ends are supported by said support structure, and the individual is seated on a seat supported by said support structure, and a gap between said seat and support structure provides for the support bracket adjustability.

4. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a sterile cup, wherein said receptacle boss corresponds to a generally cup-shaped cavity in a bottom wall of said receptacle, of an appropriate size for receiving at least a lower portion of said [a] cup.

5. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said support bracket is non-planar and is positioned [,] when [said support bracket is] supported by said support structure, so that said receptacle is positioned vertically in space to capture the specimen but avoid body contact during specimen collection [but facilitate capture of the specimen].

8. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said support bracket is non-planar and is positioned [,] when [said support bracket is] supported by said support structure, so that said receptacle is positioned vertically in space to capture the specimen but avoid body contact during specimen collection [but facilitate capture of the specimen].

13. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said support bracket is non-planar and is positioned [,] when [said support bracket is] supported by said support structure, so that said receptacle is positioned vertically in space to capture the specimen but avoid body contact during specimen collection [but facilitate capture of the specimen].

14. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising said cup, wherein said cup is a sterile cup [wherein said receptacle is an elongated receptacle].

15. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 11 [14], wherein said receptacle is elongated, and said bracket comprises a U-shaped portion, and said U-shaped portion comprises a pair of spaced apart legs that are spaced apart sufficiently to accommodate any position of said elongated receptacle relative to said bracket.

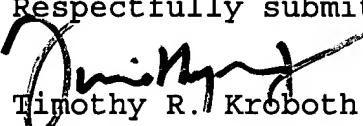
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The original main claims are unamended. Certain dependent claims are amended. Claims 16-19 are new.

Dependent claim 2 now specifies that the support structure is a toilet bowl, with support at page 2, line 4. Dependent claims 4 and 14 now specify apparatus that includes a sterile cup, with support in claim 4 as filed and at page 10, line 31. Dependent claims 5, 8 and 13 now specify that the support bracket is non-planar, with support in claim 9 as filed; additionally, the language of these claims is amended to more clearly specify the positioning of the support bracket. Claim 15 is amended to include subject matter deleted from claim 14.

New main claim 16 is based upon main claim 1 but broader in scope. Claim 17 corresponds to amended claim 2. New main claim 18 is based upon main claim 6, but is generally broader in scope except for the last wherein statement. Claim 19 finds support in claims 6 and 7.

Respectfully submitted,


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